(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof ; and

(c) whether terms of the memorandum will rescue the country's domestic carrier from its financial crisis and ensure its smooth operation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Concession to tourists for Southern States

2476. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that tourists are offered 30% concession for their tour in Southern States to boost tourism;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give the same concession to tourists in the Eastern States; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA : (a) to (c) Indian Airlines offer South India excursion fares which are 70% of normal US Dollar fare for specified sectors in South India. At present there is no proposal for giving such concession to tourists visiting Eastern States.

Discontinuance of Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Delhi flight

2477. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that initially there was a direct daily flight for Delhi-Bhubaneswar Delhi without any stop over;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for its discontinuance;

(c) whether Government are considering reintroducing these flights ; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines used to operate a direct service between Delhi and Bhubaneswar in the route Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Port Blair and back twice a week. This service was discontinued in November, 1989 due to poor load factor.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, Indian Airlines is already operating a thrice weekly service on Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Delhi route.

Airports being run by Civil Aviation and N.A.A.

2478. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of airports that were constructed during World War II for war purposes which are now being run by Civil Aviation/National Airport authority.

(b) how many of such airports are not being used ; and

(c) what are the details of such airports constructed during that time and now being used for passenger traffic ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Eighty three aerodromes constructed during World War II were transferred to Civil Aviation Department/National Airports Authority for maintenance and Civil operation. Of these, two airports are not being maintained at present.

(c) The details are given in the Statement attached.

Statement

S. No.	Name of Airports
1	Agartala
2	Ahmedabad
3	Akola
4	Amritsar
5	Aurangabad
6	Balurghat
7	Behala
8	Belgaum
9	Bhavnagar